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**LETTER REGARDING NOTIFICATION OF MISSING**  
**REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 dated November 15, 2000, applicant offers the following remarks.

On October 17, 2000, applicant filed an executed declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)) and the surcharge of \$130.00 (154) in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. A copy of the Transmittal Letter and executed declaration of the inventor is attached hereto as Appendix A. Applicant also filed, concurrently therewith, an Information Disclosure Statement along with an Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal Letter, a PTO-1449 form and copies of three references. A copy of the date-stamped postcard receipt for the above-mentioned submission of October 17, 2000 in connection with the subject application is attached hereto as Appendix B.

Letter Regarding Notification of Missing Requirements

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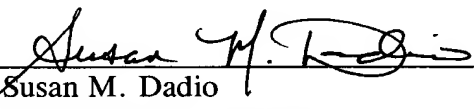
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In view of the above, the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371, a copy of which is also attached with this response as Appendix C, appears to have been issued in error.

Respectfully submitted,

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